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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING & HAND DELIVERED CONFIDENTIAL VERSION

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk / Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Charles Hawkins v. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

Docket No. 2018-258-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am writing on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" of the "Company") in reply to Mr. Hawkins' response to DEC's motion to dismiss. Preliminarily, pursuant to Order No. 2018-119-H and the Commission's regulations, Mr. Hawkins was required to file and serve his response no later than Friday, September 7, 2018, otherwise DEC's motion would be granted as unopposed. The response, however, was served via email on September 18, 2018.

As explained in DEC's motion to dismiss, the Company has gone to great lengths to accommodate

Further, the Company has tested Complainant's meter and found it to be operating within accepted parameters. DEC has been responsive and flexible with respect to , and Mr.

Hawkins fails to allege any violation of an applicable statute or regulation with respect to DEC's handling of his account.

DEC respectfully requests that the Commission proceed to consider and rule on its pending motion to dismiss the complaint. DEC also requests that the Commission grant confidential treatment—pursuant to Order No. 2005-226, Order Requiring Designation of Confidential Materials, and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(2)—to the redacted portions of this letter, which contain confidential, customer-specific information. A non-public version of this letter is being filed herewith in a separate envelope that is marked confidential.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

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Kind regards,

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